

A. 6. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, **characterized in that** said spatial filtering includes a deringing filtering, wherein the deringing filter operation decreases with an increasing image quality value (Q).

A₂ 9. (Amended) Method according to claim 6, **characterized in that** said deringing filtering is a two dimensional filtering taking only neighbouring pixels of said pixel to be filtered into account which belong to a same region.

10. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, **characterized in that** the temporal filter operation decreases with an increasing image quality value (Q).

13. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, **characterized in that** said image quality value (Q) is determined based on a quantization scaling factor (M_{Quant}) used for encoding the picture.

14. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, **characterized in that** said image quality value (Q) is determined based on a user selection.

15. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, **characterized in that** said discrete encoding/decoding of the picture is based on a discrete cosine transform.

16. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, **characterized in that** said discrete encoding/decoding of the picture is based on a MPEG coding scheme.

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain in the application. Claims 5, 6, 9, 10 and 13-16 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to claims 5, 6, 9, 10 and 13-16 by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned